GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4165
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MALPRACTICES IN SELECTION OF PROGRAMMES
A. VENKATESH NAIK

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the programmes are awarded to outside producers without consulting the Committees constituted by Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government against the guilty officials;

(f) whether the Government have formulated new guidelines to check malpractices in awarding commissioned programmes to outside producers; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Prasar Bharati has intimated that all commissioned programmes are awarded to outside producers after due consideration of the proposal by the Costing Committee of Doordarshan.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.

(f) & (g): The guidelines for selection of commissioned programmes in Doordarshan are already in existence . These guidelines are modified from time to time according to the changing requirements with a view to ensuring that quality programmes are obtained in a totally transparent manner.